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The GUARDIAN.

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THE readieſt Way to proceed in my great Undertaking, is to explain who I am my ſelf that promiſe to give the Town a daily Half Sheet: I ſhall therefore enter into my own Hiſtory, without loſing any Time in Preamble. I was born in the Year 1642, at a lone Houſe within half a Mile of the Town of *Brandford*, in the County of *Middleſex*; my Parents were of Ability to beſtow upon me a liberal Education, and of an Humour to think that a great Happineſs even in a Fortune which was but juſt enough to keep me above Want. In my ſixteenth Year I was admitted a Commoner of *Magdalen-Hall* in *Oxford*. It is one great Advantage, among many more, which Men educated at our Univerſities do uſually enjoy above others, that they often contract Friendſhips there, which are of Service to them in all the Parts of their future Life. This good Fortune happened to me; for during the Time of my being an Under-Graduate, I became intimately acquainted with Mr. AMBROSE LIZARD, who was a Fellow-Commoner of the neighbouring College. I have the Honour to be well known to Mr. JOSEPH PULLEN, of our Hall above-mentioned; and attribute the florid Old Age I now enjoy, to my conſtant Morning Walks up *Hedington-Hill* in his chearful Company. If the Gentleman be ſtill living, I hereby give him my humble Service. But, as I was going to ſay, I contracted in my early Youth an intimate Friendſhip with young Mr. LIZARD of *Northamptonſhire*. He was ſent for, a little before he was of Batchelor's ſtanding, to be marry'd to Mrs. *Jane Lizard*, an Heireſs, whoſe Father would have it ſo for the ſake of the Name. Mr. AMBROSE knew nothing of it till he came to *Lizard-Hall* on the *Saturday* Night, ſaw the young Lady at Dinner the next Day, and was marry'd, by Order of his Father Sir AMBROSE, between Eleven and Twelve the *Tueſday* following. Some Years after, when my Friend came to be Sir AMBROSE himſelf, and finding, upon Proof of her, that he had lighted upon a good Wife, he gave the Curate who join'd their Hands the Parſonage of *Welt*, not far off *Wellingborough*. My Friend was married in the Year 62, and every Year following, for eighteen Years together, I left the College, (except that Year wherein I was choſen Fellow of *Lincoln*) and ſojourned at Sir AMBROSE's for the Months of *June*, *July* and *Auguſt*. I remember very well, that it was on the 4th of *July*, in the Year 1674, that I was reading in an Arbour to my Friend, and ſtopt of a ſudden, obſerving he did not attend. *Lay by your Book*, ſaid he, *and let us take a Turn in the Graſs-Walk, for I have ſomething to ſay to you.* After a Silence for above forty Yards walking, both of us with our Eyes downward, one big to hear t'other to ſpeak a Matter of great Importance, Sir AMBROSE expreſs'd himſelf to this effect: *My good Friend*, ſaid he, *you may have obſerved that from the firſt Moment I was in your Company at Mr.* Willis's *Chambers at* University-College, *I ever after ſought and courted you: That Inclination towards you has improved from Similitude of Manners, if I may ſo ſay, when I tell you I have not obſerved in any Man a greater Candour and Simplicity of Mind than in your ſelf. You are a Man that are not inclined to launch into the World, but prefer Security and Eaſe in a Collegiate or Single Life, to going into the Cares which neceſſarily attend a publick Character, or that of a Maſter of a Family. You ſee within my Son* Marmaduke, *my only Child; I have a thouſand Anxieties upon me concerning him, the greater part of which I would transfer to you, and when I do ſo, I would make it, in plain* Engliſh, *worth your while.* He would not let me ſpeak, but proceeded to inform me, that he had laid the whole Scheme of his Affairs upon that Foundation. As ſoon as we went into the Houſe, he gave me a Bill upon his Goldſmith in *London* of Two Thouſand Pounds, and told me with that he had purchaſed me, with all the Talents I was Maſter of, to be of his Family, to educate his Son, and do all that ſhould ever lie in my Power for the Service of him and his to my Life's End, according to ſuch Powers, Truſts and Inſtructions as I ſhould hereafter receive.

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The Reader will here make many Speeches for me, and without doubt ſuppoſe I told my Friend he had retained me with a Fortune to do that which I ſhould have thought my ſelf obliged to by Friendſhip: But, as he was a prudent Man, and acted upon Rules of Life, which were leaſt liable to the Variation of Humour, Time or Seaſon, I was contented to be obliged by him his own way; and believed I ſhould never enter into any Alliance which ſhould direct me from purſuing the Intereſts of his Family, of which I ſhould hereafter underſtand my ſelf a Member. Sir AMBROSE told me he ſhould lay no Injunction upon me, which ſhould be inconſiſtent with any Inclination I might have hereafter to change my Condition. All he meant was in general to enſure his Family from that Peſt of great Eſtates, the Mercenary Men of Buſineſs who act for them, and in a few Years become Creditors to their Maſters in greater Sums than half the Income of their Lands amount to, tho' it is viſible all which gave riſe to their Wealth was a ſlight Sallary, for turning all the reſt, both Eſtate and Credit of that Eſtate, to the Uſe of their Principals. To this purpoſe we had a very long Conference that Evening, the chief Point of which was, that his only Child *Marmaduke* was from that Hour under my Care, and I was engaged to turn all my Thoughts to the Service of the Child in particular, and all the Concerns of the Family in general. My moſt excellent Friend was ſo well ſatisfied with my Behaviour, that he made me his Executor, and Guardian to his Son. My own Conduct during that time, and my manner of Educating his Son *Marmaduke* to Manhood, and the Intereſt I had in him to the time of his Death alſo, with my preſent Conduct towards the numerous Deſcendants of my old Friend, will make, poſſibly, a Series of Hiſtory of Common Life, as uſeful as the Relations of the more pompous Paſſages in the Lives of Princes and Stateſmen. The Widow of Sir *Ambroſe*, and the no leſs worthy Relict of Sir *Marmaduke*, are both living at this time.

I am to let the Reader know, that his chief Entertainment will ariſe from what paſſes at the Tea Table of my Lady *Lizard*. That Lady is now in the Forty ſixth Year of her Age, was married in the beginning of her Sixteenth, is bleſſed with a numerous Off-ſpring of each Sex, no leſs than four Sons and five Daughters. She was the Mother of this large Family before ſhe arrived at her thirtieth Year. About which time ſhe loſt her Husband Sir THEODORE LIZARD, a Gentleman of great Virtue and Generoſity: He left behind him an improved Paternal Eſtate of Six thouſand Pounds a Year to his eldeſt Son, and one Year's Revenue in ready Mony as a Portion to each younger Child. My Lady's Chriſtian Name is *Aſpaſia*, and as it may give a certain Dignity to our Stile to mention her by that Name, we beg leave at Diſcretion to ſay Lady *Lizard* or *Aſpaſia*, according to the Matter we ſhall treat of: When ſhe ſhall be conſulting about her Caſh, her Rents, her Houſhold Affairs, we will uſe the more familiar Name; and when ſhe is employed in the forming the Minds and Sentiments of her Children, exerting her ſelf in the Acts of Charity, or ſpeaking of Matters of Religion or Piety, for the elevation of Stile we will uſe the Word *Aſpaſia*. *Aſpaſia* is a Lady of a great Underſtanding and noble Spirit. She has paſſed ſeveral Years in Widowhood with that Abſtinent Enjoyment of Life, which has done Honour to her Deceaſed Husband, and devolved Reputation upon her Children. As ſhe has both Sons and Daughters marriageable, ſhe is viſited by many on that Account, but by many more for her own Merit. As there is no Circumſtance in Human Life, which may not directly or indirectly concern a Woman thus related, there will be abundant Matter offer it ſelf from Paſſages in this Family, to ſupply my Readers with diverting, and perhaps uſeful Notices for their Conduct in all the Incidents of Human Life. Placing Mony on Mortgages, in the Funds, upon Bottomery, and almoſt all other ways of improving the Fortune of a Family, are practiſed by my Lady *Lizard* with the beſt Skill and Advice.

The Members of this Family, their Cares, Paſſions, Intereſts and Diverſions ſhall be repreſented from time to time, as News from the Tea Table of ſo accompliſhed a Woman as the Intelligent and diſcreet Lady *Lizard*.

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